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Weather Forecasts for To-day.

California—Fair weather; westerly winds;

nearby stationary temperature.

Oregon and Washington—Fair weather; vari-

able winds; slightly warmer.

THE RIVER COMMISSION.

An interesting interview with one of the

members sent by the River Conven-

tion to Washington is elsewhere published.

Mr. Rose recites the labors of the com-

mittee, and concludes that while not all was

accomplished that the people hoped for, a

long step in advance was made in securing

the recommendation that a survey and ex-

amination be made, with a view to ascer-

tain what work ought to be done upon the

river. He believes that the result will be,

that the Federal Government will under-

take the complete reclamation of the Sac-

ramento and Feather rivers. The River

and Harbor Committee has agreed to

recommend to Congress that a special Com-

mission from the United States army

corps of engineers shall be raised to make,

this summer, a complete examination of

the rivers. Such work has never been

done by the United States, and while it is

true that data sufficient has been gathered,

it has all been taken by State engineers.

The Engineering Commission is to report

to Congress a plan of operations and esti-

mates for the work that it may find neces-

sary in order to restore the rivers to as

near their original navigable condition as

is feasible. The expenses of the Board are

provided for, and there is nothing to do but

therefore, but to appoint it so soon as the

bill passes Congress that the River and

Harbor Committee will present with their

report.

Mr. Rose is strongly impressed with the

necessity of maintaining the present organi-

zation of the friends of the rivers, and

that the late Convention should be recon-

vened so soon as the bill becomes a law, as

it certainly will, in his opinion. That

Convention may, he thinks, provide for the

exercise of legitimate influences to se-

cure from the Engineering Commission the

best possible results. Of course, the

people can present before that body, if it

is desirous to receive it, evidence of the

original capacity of the rivers, the changes

that have taken place in them, the effect

of the overflows and the closing of the

deltas, and concerning the volume of the

deposition in the channels of mining

detritus and debris, that will prove of

value to the committee and expedite its

labor.

Mr. Rose acknowledges for the com-

mittee the most courteous treatment by

the California delegation in Congress and

by the Government officials. He believes

that but for the presence of the committee

in Washington and the representations

made by it to the officials, and the River

and Harbor Committee, so much as it has

been achieved would not have been ac-

complished this season. The telegraphed

petition by the Executive Committee sent

on by its Chairman, Dr. Dixon, recently

relative to the Paine break, he declares

came at an opportune moment, as it had

the effect of fortifying the assertion made

by the committee, that the War Depart-

ment was working at arm's length in the

treatment of the rivers. The Secretary of

War assured the committee that the treat-

ment of the Paine crevasse should have

his immediate attention. The fact that

last Saturday a bid, the lowest made, for

work upon the break was sent on to Wash-

ington by Major Huer, justifies the hope

therefore, that the War Department will

in a very few days make the necessary

order for work upon the break to begin.

All this is very gratifying to learn. The

suggestion of the Committee that the

present river organization be main-

tained, and that the body be reconvened

so soon as the bill for the examination of

the rivers passes and is signed, is a good

one and should be adopted by the Ex-

ecutive Committee. When that Conven-

tion is again in session, however, care

must be taken to order it, that unwise

or hasty expressions are made likely to

antagonize the engineers, or to lead them

to repel the offer of assistance, if it shall

be deemed proper to make such a order.

The Convention cannot afford to inter-

vene in the matter without first obtaining

the consent of the Commission, and it is

a matter of doubt whether it will desire or

accept any such aid. Army Engineers are

proverbially jealous of any interference,

and usually prefer to work independently

of civilians. The whole subject must

therefore be handled with the utmost dis-

cretion.

THE Eastern press is making altogether

too much out of the Davao-Cleveland affair.

As the World has admitted that only

fourteen lines of its report of what Mr.

Cleveland is supposed to have said of Mr.

Davao are true, and as that much did not

justify the assault of the Sun, why let the

matter drop at that? No possible

good can be conservated by continuing to

stir the fires of a personal quarrel, and that

which resulted mainly from the vicious

nature of a reporter who had not that con-

sideration for the privacy of the citizen

which a dog would manifest. Mr. Cleve-

land is not now in public life, and is not,

therefore, a legitimate subject for criti-

cism concerning his domestic or other

affairs. To drag him into the public

forum in a debate that is purely personal,

and concerns no one but the members of

his household and himself, is more than

cruel. Yet all the leading Eastern papers

are dipping into the quarrel and doing

much to provoke it more and more. There

are private rights that the press is bound

to respect, and Mr. Cleveland's are among

them.

THE proposition to divide the State is

again agitated by some of the press of the

southern section. It is a waste of energy

and a fruitless and demoralizing crusade.

No more serious political disaster could

happen to California than that dismem-

berment of the commonwealth. That Cali-

fornia is so large, with such varied

interests, capacities and attractions, is her

chief glory, and constitutes for the stranger

his greatest attraction, and for its citizens

a source of infinite pride. How any

strength can be added by division and bur-

dening the people with two State govern-

ments, who find it hard enough to main-

tain one, is a problem not all the ingenuity

of the writers for the southern press can

solve.

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SOME HOPE FOR THE RIVER.

THE RIVER COMMITTEE'S WORK AT WASHINGTON.

Hon. A. H. Rose Returns From the National Capital—Pleased with the Result of the Visit.

Hon. A. H. Rose, of the committee sent to Washington by the Executive Committee of the California River Improvement Convention, returned home yesterday and spent a few hours in Sacramento. He was seen by a Record-Union reporter, and gave a very clear and concise statement of the work of the committee in Washington and the result secured. He said:

"We came to Washington on Sunday evening and were so fortunate as to have a joint meeting with the entire California delegation in Congress on the following Monday. After a thorough discussion of the situation, it was concluded that it was necessary to have a special Commission, and for a special Commission and a large appropriation at this session of Congress, as it would be impossible to secure its passage so late in the session. It was then determined to concentrate all action upon the River and Harbor Committee and secure as favorable provisions as possible in their bill, as that bill would probably pass both houses of Congress."

"We found that the War Department officials were in favor of large expenditures for the Sacramento river and tributaries, and in existing law and precedents, could not recommend any expenditures to Congress until the duly authorized engineers had made complete preliminary surveys and favorable recommendations to the department."

"Our committee, however, were instructed to work for a special Commission, and as large an appropriation as possible to include expenditure, and to secure the Commission, we will get a dollar at this session. We asked for a special deal, and of course wanted all we could get, but we did not expect to get all we asked. I am happy to state, however, that we did get all we asked, and have laid the foundation for action on the part of the General Government, which will result in the complete restoration of our river."

The River and Harbor Committee, however, recommended that a special Board of Engineers from the United States army corps should be appointed to this summer make a thorough and complete survey of the Sacramento river and tributaries, work which has never been done by the Government—and report in the next session of Congress such plan of treatment, with estimates, as will, when executed, permanently restore the river to its original value as a navigable stream."

"The expense of this Board is provided for, and we are assured that first-class army engineers from the local representatives of the various corps, will be appointed to constitute this special Board, and a favorable report will prepare the way for a large appropriation at the next session of Congress, which will be expended in conformity with a fixed plan of treatment, and will directly lead to the complete restoration of these rivers. The present organization of our valley people must be maintained, with all the skill and energy, for only then can the ultimate results so much desired be attained."

"Our committee were treated most cordially by the California Congressional Delegation, and in the interview in Washington, even in the lower house, we were received with the same courtesy and cordiality as the upper house."

"The transaction which gave rise to the difficulty between Cox and Straub, apparently, one that could and should be settled by civil process. Mr. Straub has many friends who do not think he would let himself be sued or tried for Cox's sake. He (the Chief) believed that the prohibited games were virtually closed."

"Well," said the Mayor, "you have done all in your power to stop them?"

"We have," replied Chief Drew, "and I don't believe any of them are running."

for the issuance of city bonds, as a guide to the proposed action of the Trustees of this city."

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, the papers were all ordered submitted to the City Attorney, with instructions to prepare an answer to the Board of Trade at its next regular meeting.

Major Comstock said the Pioneers desired the City Trustees to assist in the reception of the New England Pioneers on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and extended an invitation to the members of the Board to be present.

PROHIBITED GAMES.

Chief Drew and Captain Lee Say They Don't Believe Any are Running.

At the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners yesterday afternoon Captain Lee was asked to report the condition of the Police Department. He replied that the men were all attending to their duties, that they were active and vigilant, and that their efforts to suppress crime and bring in greater success.

Major Comstock asked what had been done toward the suppression of gambling, and Captain Lee said that so far as the police were aware, all prohibited games had stopped. He said that himself and the police had a race on place where they supposed a game was run, but that he had difficulty in gaining admittance thereto.

When they did get in they found a few men sitting about, but no signs

of gambling. He believed that if any games were running, they were run secretly that the police did not surprise the proprietors. He believed, however, that they had all been closed.

Chief Drew remarked that it had been his desire to have the police here to the rescue in the event of a game being run, but it would take more men than they have to watch the gambling night and day. There are only six men on duty at one time, and if they were all set to work, it would be difficult to get success, and to that end the Directors and officers have given this subject much attention, imbued as they are with public spirit, and their efforts for the welfare of the citizens turn out each day of the meeting, assuring them that, if reasonable success is met with, increased energy will be forthcoming.

Charles F. Gardner was bitten, though not seriously, by a large Newfoundland dog the other day.

Botts was yesterday appointed Postmaster at Sutter Creek, Amador county, Y. M. F. Morris, resigning.

Isaac Franklin, an old and esteemed citizen of Franklin, is lying seriously ill at his farm. His family and friends fear he has been done in by the carelessness of the State Railways.

It is said that R. S. Carey, the owner of the City Railway, will extend his O Street road out to Twenty-eighth street in the near future and run new cars.

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